



## Contra Costa County

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY: Grand Opening – Central County Family Justice Center *Concord Facility Brings Coordinated Services to Victims***

**WHAT:** Contra Costa Central County Family Justice Center Grand Opening

**WHO:** County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff; Concord Police Chief Guy Swanger;  
Concord Mayor Tim Grayson; Family Justice Center Executive Director Susun Kim

**WHEN:** TODAY, Thursday, March 19, 2015 Tours begin at Noon; Program at 12:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** Central County Family Justice Center  
2151 Salvio Street, Suite 201, Concord

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Civic and community leaders will open the doors to the Central Family Justice Center today, marking another milestone towards providing a countywide network of support, care and advocacy for victims of domestic violence. The downtown Concord center will serve as a “one-stop shop” for people needing help reporting and overcoming the effects of domestic violence. Law enforcement, social services and community organizations partner at a Family Justice Center to bring the services to those who need them rather than force victims to navigate through a complex system. Experts have found this model to be more efficient, as well as enhancing safety for victims.

The central county location is the second for Contra Costa, with a thriving Center providing service to west county residents at a Richmond location. Future plans call for a Center in the eastern part of the county as well, which would result in the first such countywide network in the country. Partners in the Central Center include the Concord Police, the Contra Costa County District Attorney, the County’s Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative and a host of community and governmental agencies.